

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-6, 7 (10), 8 (14), 9 (15), 10 (16), 11 (17), 12 (7), 13 (11), 14 (8), 15 (12), 16 (9), 17 (13) are allowed (claims as they are renumbered appear in parenthesis).

In regards to claims 1, and 11, the cited references fail to teach either individually or in combination, a double-ascription PE of a remote CE which is connected to a nearby CE, before, the nearby CE visits the remote CE, where the double-ascription PE connected to the nearby CE serves as an initial node of each of the at least two tunnels and at least tow other PEs connected with the remote CE serve as terminal nodes of the at least tow tunnels respectively.

Prior art Jenq et al. (US Publication 2003/0063560 A1) teaches in figure 1, a protected path 105 from source 1074 to since 112 but fails to teach the arrangement of the present application.

### ***Conclusion***

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